

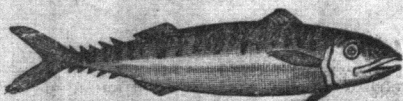
April 16.

SEINERS ARE GETTING BUSY.

Six More Fine Fresh Mackerel Fares Landed Today

TWO ARE SECOND TRIPS.

Three at New York, Like Number at Fortress Monroe.



The southern mackerel seining season has opened with a rush unprecedented in recent years for the number and size of trips. Up to last night five fares had been landed, three of large size and all productive of good stocks.

This morning comes the joyful news of three more big trips in New York and three more of equal size at Fortress Monroe, the fortunate vessels at Fulton Market being:

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, 20,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Charles Maguire, 125 barrels fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, 130 barrels fresh medium mackerel.

The vessels in at Fortress Monroe are:

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 20,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Patrician, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer, 15,000 fresh medium mackerel.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, Capt. Lewis C. Carritt, 2100 fresh medium mackerel.

A special to the Times from its Fortress Monroe correspondent states that the 85 barrels of large medium mackerel landed there yesterday by sch. Constellation, as exclusively reported in yesterday's Times, were 14,000 in count and were shipped to Eldred & Haley, Fulton Market. The fare was taken 40 miles east of Cape Henry. Capt. Morgan reports continuous gales and cold weather for the last two weeks. He also reported that four other seiners took fish at the same time.

This is the second trip for Capt. Solomon Jacobs of sch. A. M. Nicholson and also for Capt. C. Wesley Farmer of sch. Patrician, these being the only craft which have made two trips thus far this season.

The news of this fine bunch of fares, all in one day, at what is practically the opening of the season, gives the vessel owners much encouragement, although from years of experience, sad and otherwise, they have come to know that "all signs fail out south." They well remember that last season the southern fishing started out with a rush, and then suddenly the whole bottom dropped out and the season was one of the poorest known. For this and other reasons, they are not banking on having any golden dreams because a few big trips have been in together.

The vessels at Fortress Monroe arrived last night, while those at New York came in this morning. It is probable that those who came in at the former place feel that the prospects did not justify them in leaving the fish long enough to run to New York and figured that they could run to Fortress Monroe and ship and get back quickly on the schools with a good chance of grabbing up another fare in short order.

There is no doubt but what the fleet has been hampered by the worst kind of weather and that but for this handicap the catch to date would have been much larger. This is known from private letter and telegrams from the vessels.

The fish evidently have not moved much from where they were first seen by Capt. Solomon Jacobs, as these late fares were caught in practically the same place, from east to southeast 40 miles from Cape Henry.

Although the catch has been gratifying thus far, it is not quite up to last season, which was such a flunk, and yet up to date in 1906, 14 trips had been in to date with 160,000 in count of fresh medium mackerel and 6000 large fresh mackerel, against 11 trips up to 9 o'clock this forenoon with 157,000 fresh medium mackerel, and 3000 large fresh mackerel.

SOUTHERN NETTERS.

Fleet Will Not Be as Large as Last Year.

FIRST ONE WILL SAIL TODAY.

List of Gloucester, Boston and Provincetown Craft.

Several of the craft of the southern mackerel netting fleet will sail from here this week, the first one, sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peeples, going today.

At this present writing it does not appear that the fleet from this port and Boston will be as large as last season and the season before, that is not out New York way. There is a chance, however, that should good fishing be struck, the number would be doubled before the fleet reaches Newport fishing.

Many more will go anyway by the time the season off Newport is ripe.

The Provincetown fleet, which will be about as large as usual, will send very few to fish off New York, but will be found in full force off Block Island and vicinity.

In addition to the vessels from this port and Boston, quite a number of netters will go from New York, Noank, New London, Newport, Block Island, New Bedford, Portland and the Maine coast. Taken all together the fleet numbered over 200 sail, but this year it is thought the fleet will not reach this number.

The early fleet from this port and Boston will number between 50 and 55 sail, which will fish for the New York market. The crafts whose captains figure on getting away within the next week or so are as follows:

Sloop Wodan.

Sch. Venus, Capt. Benjamin Bowden.

Sch. Torpedo, Capt. William Brown.

Sloop Thistle, Capt. George Parks.

Sloop Sarah, Capt. Edward Carter.

Sch. Robert C. Harfis, Capt. Parkman G. Hodgdon.

Sch. Reliance, Capt. John Nelson.

Sch. F. W. Homans, Capt. Murray Larkin.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, Capt. Charles Martin.

Sch. Motor, Capt. Herman Pennington.

Sch. Mettacommet.

Sloop Maxwell, Capt. David Gillis.

Sch. Maud B. Murray.

Sch. Mary Emerson, Capt. Charles Nelson.

Sch. Almeida, Capt. Alex Guyette.

Sch. J. W. Bradley, Capt. William Foley.

Sch. Florida, Capt. Edward Procter.

Sch. Evangeline, Capt. Marchant.

Sch. Freedom, Capt. Peter Willett.

Sch. Frank Munroe, Capt. Matthew Donahue.

Sch. Little Fannie, Capt. Abner Winkelpaw.

Sch. Lillian, Capt. John Barrett.

Sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peeples.

Sch. Julietta, Capt. Lars Olsen.

Sch. Jessie, Capt. L. Frost.

Sloop J. F. McMorro, Capt. Archie Selig.

Sch. Actor, Capt. Henry Wilkie.

Sch. Alena L. Young, Capt. Bailey.

Sch. Hobo, Capt. Lawrence McGrath.

Sch. Gracie, Capt. Peter Grant.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, Capt. George Turner.

Sch. Marguerite, Capt. Jacob P. Barrett.

Sch. Carrie E., Capt. John Thompson.

Sch. Georgianna, Capt. William Hussey.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer.

Sch. Cherokee, Capt. Benjamin Lomsey.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, Capt. Thomas Landry.

Sloop Defender.

Sch. Dixie, Capt. Benjamin Hodsdon.

Sch. S. H. Pinkham, Capt. Solomon A. Rowe.

Sch. Esther Gray, Capt. Fred Wolf.

Sloop Evelyn.

Steamer Mystery.

Sch. Arrow, Capt. Silas B. Jewett.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, Capt. Joseph Sampson.

Sch. Mabel Leavitt, Capt. Frank Nolan.

Sch. Stranger, Capt. John Keefe.

The following is the list of the fleet which will go south netting from Provincetown, although most of them will not go until it comes time to run the fish to market at Newport and New Bedford.

Steamer Rattler (gasolene).
Sloop Braganza, (gasolene).
Sloop Lear C.
Sloop Florence.
Sch. Lucy B. Winsor.
Sloop Crescent.
Sloop Mogul.
Sloop Bessie.
Sloop Lizzie B. Foster.
Sloop Golden Eagle.
Steamer Vigilant.
Sloop Reliance.
Sloop Iris.
Sloop Malloia, Enos.
Sloop Albert Brown.
Sloop Betsy Ross.
Sloop Pearl.
Sloop Magnolia.
Sloop Active.
Sloop Lewie Warren.
Sloop Nancy.
Steamer Perseverance (gasolene).
Sloop Vesta.
Sloop John W. Caswell.
Sloop Barbara.
Sloop Mildred and Blanche.
Steamer Torpedo (gasolene).
Steamer Angilena (gasolene).

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ella G. King, Georges handlining.

Sch. Romance, south seining.

Sch. Squanto, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Georges handliner halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Haddockers' fresh halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

Boston.

Sch. Mildred, Nunan, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 5000 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. James S. Steele, 6000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 3000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 7000 cod.

Sch. Azorean, 3500 cod.

Haddock, \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Niagara arrived at Edgartown Friday for bait.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock baited at Edgartown and sailed for Georges last Friday.

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ANOTHER MACKEREL TRIP.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins Landed 54 Barrels at Fortress Monroe.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph T. Webber, was at Fortress Monroe yesterday with 54 barrels of fresh medium mackerel, which were shipped to New York.

Of the other crafts at Fortress Monroe yesterday morning, sch. A. M. Nicholson shipped 94 barrels, sch. Patrician shipped 65 barrels and sch. Fannie E. Prescott shipped 26 barrels to the Fulton Market dealers. The weather out there was fair, with a moderate southerly breeze.

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JUDGE PROWSE AND THE NEWFOUNDLAND QUESTION.

It is noticeable that Judge Prowse, of St. John's, Newfoundland, who wields a facile pen when writing of things pertaining to the fisheries of Newfoundland, and who frequently enlightens (?) American fishermen regarding fishery matters in general, has again jumped into the arena, and evidently, in his own estimation, dealt a death blow to the supporters of the American side of the fishery controversy.

In the Newfoundland Quarterly for March the Judge would have one believe that instead of the fishery dispute being an international question, it is an absurd delusion. He says, "It is simply and solely a dispute between Newfoundland and the Gloucester Fish Ring. Every intelligent American is on our side. Cabot Lodge and his son-in-law Senator Gardner are simply the agents and tools of the Gloucester Fish Ring. All their tricks and rogueries are well known. How they rob the American revenue by passing in herrings caught by Newfoundlanders and paid for in American gold as 'the sole product of American industry.'"

The Judge seems to be very much wrought up over what he considers a scheme to rob the United States treasury. He should not lie awake nights thinking about it. His life would be greatly prolonged if he allowed the other fellow to do the worrying.

Perhaps the Judge is not aware that a life membership in the Don't Worry Club costs nothing.

The Judge lets none escape and says of Secretary Root: "A European diplomat would no more write such despatches as the Hon. Elihu Root's on the modus vivendi, that he would eat peas with his knife. It is the very impudence of the claim that please his countrymen."

It may be stated that Secretary Root is not bound by such hard and fast rule as may be adhered to by European statesmen. It is quite evident that he has an abundance of ideas of his own and is not at all afraid to voice them.

It is hardly possible for an American to express a single thought on the fishery question that would be accepted by Judge Prowse as being worthy of consideration, unless unrestricted reciprocal relations between the United States and Newfoundland were favored.

In most of his writings Judge Prowse has strongly advocated that the United States ought to comply with the request of Newfoundland, which is to give St. John's merchants free access to our market, which, it goes without saying would not be considered for a moment if they had the market and were the fish.

It is stated by the Judge that "There is no country in the world where fish is so dear as in the United States." He might have added that in no other country are fishermen so well off and get more return for their labor. This fact is fully realized by Newfoundland fishermen who leave the ancient colony and seek employment on American vessels. He points out that "Under the treaty of 1818 the Americans have only the right to buy wood, to obtain water, to seek shelter from storms, and to put into port for repairs. The convention distinctly says and 'for no other purpose whatever.'"

It is quite evident that he has not read the treaty in question understandingly, he having apparently deliberately left out that portion which states that we have the right to catch, cure, and dry, etc. on the treaty coast. If American fishermen were restricted in the manner the gentleman mentions it would be equivalent to no treaty rights. That we have certain rights on the treaty coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, which he has failed to mention, is conceded by Great Britain, and has been so considered since the treaty was framed, which no amount of bluff and bluster will have the slightest weight on those who are intrusted with power to bring about an amicable settlement of the fishery question.

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REMEMBERED THE BOYS.

John Hays Hammond Called on Gloucester Fishermen at Bermuda

Among the fishermen who returned from the southward on Monday, was Elliott Scott, who has just come from the Bermudas, where he went with a Gloucester crew in sch. Priscilla of this port which was purchased by New York parties last fall.

This was the first time northerners have resorted to these waters for fishing. The voyage for red snappers on the shoal waters of Bahama banks was very successful. All the fish were shipped from the island iced to New York.

While in Bermuda the crew were visited by John Hays Hammond, whose summer home is in this city, and who recognized the Gloucester clipper, although he was informed she had been lately sold to New York parties. Nevertheless Mr. Hammond was pleased to find that her crew were Gloucester men and later sent aboard some two hundred cigars, which were duly appreciated.

FISH WINDS WATCH.

Season in Port Jervis Opens with Variation on Old Story.

Cabe Winters, while fishing for pickerel on Saturday at Port Jervis, N. J., dropped his watch out of the boat. He bade goodby to the watch and rowed up the pond to enjoy a few hours' fishing. The first strike was an eight-pounder. He was astonished upon finding the fish to find his gold watch in the pickerel's mouth. The watch was running, and as the watch was a stem-winder, it is supposed that in masticating its food the fish had wound up the timepiece, as the time was correct.

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EMINENT COUNSEL.

Called Into Case of Shipping Newfoundland Fishermen.

Will Claim That Americans Had Right To Hire Natives.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., yesterday says:

The supreme court today resumed consideration of the appeal by the Bay of Islands fishermen from the penalty of \$500 or three months in prison imposed in November by a magistrate at Bay of Islands upon their being convicted of working on the American schooner Ralph Hall during the herring fishing season, contrary to the provisions of the colonial bait act.

In February when the case was appealed the supreme court sent a commission to Boston and Gloucester to take testimony as to the terms under which the men were hired, and this was read in court today.

Sir James Winter, who at different times has been premier, attorney general and supreme court judge, appeared for the appellants, with Mr. Howley, who formerly was the sole counsel for the fishermen. Sir James withdrew the former pleas that the fishermen were entitled to rank as inhabitants of the United States and enjoyed all privileges under the treaty of 1818, and claimed they were hired servants of American fishermen entitled under the treaty to fish.

It is understood that Sir James was retained by Americans interested in the case and that the previous plea of the appellants was withdrawn by their direction. The new feature of the situation has created much interest here. The argument will be resumed Friday.

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OFF FOR SOUTH.

First Netters Sailed Away from Here This Morning.

The advance guard of the big fleet of south mackerel netters has started, the first of them getting away from here this forenoon. Four well known craft comprised the leaders and many others will now follow daily. The crafts which sailed this morning were schs. Lafayette, Almeida and F. W. Homans of this port and sch. Fanny Hayden of Portland.

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Sch. Winnifred, via Boston.

Todays Fish Market.

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Sch. Valentinna, 3000 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 1700 cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 17,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 40,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Flavilla, 15,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Yankee, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 4500 haddock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. James W. Parker, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 15,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Pearl, 800 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. North Star, 2000 haddock.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 5500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Georgianna, 1500 haddock.

Sch. Diana, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Lizzie B. Foster, 3900 cod.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1700 haddock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5.50; cusk, \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Cahoon of Chatham will fit some Boston vessel for mackerel seining.

Capt. Samuel Hatch is here to fit sch. Gos-sip for south seining.

Sch. Winnifred will be fitted for Rips fishing under command of Capt. Nelson Thorburn.

Capt. Owen Whitten will now fit sch. Smuggler for south seining.

Capt. Nelson Fisher is fitting sch. Talisman for south seining.

The fishing steamer Mystery came around from Annisquam yesterday to fit out for pollock seining.

Steamer Bryda F., Capt. Al Sadler, is engaged in shore fishing over Cape Cod way.

Sch. Orinoco, was at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday.

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BLOCKED BY ICE.

Nova Scotia Fishermen Badly Hampered in Spring Fishing.

The Dominion Fish Bureau of Monday night says that fishing is extremely dull all along the coast and adds the following important information from the principal fishing places:

Whitehead—Up to date no fish. Fishermen afraid to put out gear on account of drift ice reported easterly off shore.

West Arichat—Drift ice prevents fishing.

Cheticamp—Navigation not opened. Gulf still blocked with ice.

Margaree—Ice packed on the coast.

Port Hood—No fishing; ice still in strong.

Malpeque, P. E. I.—Bay and harbor solid ice, no open water in sight.

Bonaventure—Bay full of solid ice.

Paspébiac—Bay full of floating ice.

Port Daniel—No fishing; bay full of floating ice.

Pt. St. Peter—No fishing yet; Gaspe Bay full of ice yet.

Sandy Beach—Thirteen miles solid ice here yet.

Grand Paps—No fishing yet; bay full of ice.